

**ABSTRACT****OSTOMY COUPLING**

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**(Fig. 5)**

An ostomy coupling is described of the type comprising a locking member in the form of a resilient split ring, for fastening two ostomy coupling members together.

- 10 One feature of the invention is that one of the coupling members comprises a tapered seal seat surface for cooperating with a deflectable seal wing carried by the other member. The tapered seal seat has a smoothly curved taper, to enable a relatively large seal area to be provided within a low coupling profile height.

- 15 Another feature of one form of the invention is that the split ring has an inclined outer surface to form a smooth profile with the coupling member on which it is carried.

- Another feature of another form of the invention is that each limb of the split ring is bifurcated to receive a radially projecting guide of the coupling member, on which the  
20 split ring is mounted. The split ring thus extends above and below the guide, removing the need for a mounting channel on the coupling member itself, and enabling the height of the coupling to be further reduced.